work load of the teachers and decrease their salary while the intended strike was for an increase in salary and a decrease in the work load?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—"Sir, as I have already said, the question of revision of salaries is under consideration."

Appointment of retrenched ex-civil supplies clerks.

* 598 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of retrenched ex-civil supplies clerks who appeared for the Special Competitive Examination held by the Madras Public Service Commission, 1952;

(*b*) the number of persons who secured minimum pass marks in the said examination;

(*c*) whether any or all of the candidates who have secured pass marks have been appointed in Government service;

(*d*) if so, how many; and

(*e*) whether it is a fact that all the candidates who have secured minimum pass marks were not appointed, contrary to the Government Order, on the ground that they have not secured about 45 per cent of marks?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"(*a*) The number of Civil Supplies clerks who appeared for the examination in question was eight hundred and fifty-seven.

"(*b*) Seven hundred and ninety-seven.

"(*c*) & (*d*) Four hundred and twenty-five candidates have so far been selected for appointment from among those who obtained the minimum qualifying marks.

"(*e*) No, Sir. Candidates who obtained a minimum of 30 per cent of the total number of marks have been included by the Madras Public Service Commission in the list prepared on the results of the examinations held in February and June 1952. From this list candidates are being allotted as and when their turn for selection is reached for allotment with due regard to the reservation rule."

Construction of a syphon across Vadavar.

* 599 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the construction of a syphon across Vadavar and the excavation of Vadavar left side channel were taken up in the year 1951–52 under intensive cultivation scheme in the South Arcot Division;

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(b) whether the works have since been postponed;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) what is the estimated cost of these works; and

(e) when the Government propose to complete the works?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—" (a) The excavation of Vadavar left side channel alone was taken up in the year 1951—52.

" (b) Yes.

" (c) The postponement was due to some modifications in the original proposal.

" (d) The scheme is estimated to cost Rs. 1,35,000 which includes a provision of Rs. 8,950 and Rs. 47,000, respectively for the two sub-works referred to in clause (a) of the question.

" (e) By 31st August 1953."

Investment of Judicial powers to some of the officers of the Revenue Department.

* 600 Q.—SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal now pending with the Government for the implementation of the suggestion made by the Judicial Separation Enquiry Committee in regard to the Investment of Judicial powers to some of the officers of the Revenue department and officers of the Administrative Service; and

(b) if so, whether the protest raised by the Bar Association, Madras, in this regard will be taken into consideration?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—" (a) Presumably, the hon. Member refers to the suggestions of the Committee of Enquiry relating to appointments to posts of district magistrates and sub-magistrates in the transitional stage. These and other recommendations of the Committee of Enquiry are being examined by Government in consultation with the concerned heads of departments.

" (b) All informed opinion will be taken into consideration especially if such opinion is disinterested."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER:—" Sir, may I know whether the suggestions made by the Judicial Separation Enquiry Committee have been taken into consideration by the Government and have they come to any conclusions? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—" Sir, they are being examined."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER:—" Sir, will it not be a direct negation of the principle of separation of the executive and the judiciary, if for any reason the Revenue officials are going to be invested with judicial powers? "